

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-10:

Please add new claims 11-20 as indicated in the listing of claims below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (new): A method for verifying access authorization of persons to a facility, wherein each person possesses a document having a carrier material applied thereto, the carrier material including biometric data of an owner of the respective document and at least one identifiable body containing readable data, the method comprising:

touchlessly acquiring the readable data from each identifiable body within a defined operating range using an acquisition unit;

transferring the acquired readable data from the acquisition unit to the facility;

automatically loading the biometric data corresponding to each person for whom the readable data is transferred from a central memory storage to into a device internal memory storage;

performing an identification of each person and determining the authorization of each person to possess the respective document at the facility.

Claim 12 (new): The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the loading is performed by the facility.

Claim 13 (new): The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the facility is a gambling machine in a casino and wherein the persons are gamblers.

Claim 14 (new): The method as recited in claim 11, further comprising generating a dataset of the identifiable body and transferred the dataset to the central memory storage.

Claim 15 (new): The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the facility is a gambling machine in a casino and wherein the gambling machine and several further gambling machines are located within reach and linked to the central memory storage.

Claim 16 (new): The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the identifiable body includes a radio chip mounted on the carrier material.

Claim 17 (new): The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the document is disposed in one of a portable radio and a telephone set.

Claim 18 (new): The method as recited in claim 17, wherein the portable radio or telephone set is connectable to a socket mounted at the gambling machine.

Claim 19 (new): The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the identification of the person is performed by analyzing a fingerprint of the person at the facility.

Claim 20 (new): The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the document is an identity card, and wherein the biometric data includes at least one of a photograph, a fingerprint of the owner, and an access right.

Claim 21 (new): The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the document includes a rechargeable value transponder.

Claim 22 (new): A method as recited in claim 11, wherein the performing of the identification includes:

- illuminating an object using a light source;
- acquiring at least two images of the object using optical scanning from at least two different directions simultaneously;

determining numerical parameters using digital image processing;
calculating a three-dimensional model of the object from the at least two images;
comparing the three-dimensional model with a reference model; and
determining the identification to be right if the numerical parameters are simultaneously
concordant with the reference model within predetermined tolerances.

Claim 23 (new): A method as recited in claim 22, further comprising previously creating the n
the reference model using a plurality of images of the object.